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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Nobuaki TOMIDOKORO, et al.  
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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**Reference AO of Form PTO-1449.**

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 8-116399 discloses an image forming device management system in which a plurality of image forming devices, connected to a communication control unit via a signal line, are linked to a central service station at a remote location through a communication network.

**Reference AP of Form PTO-1449.**

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 6-329298 discloses an image forming device maintenance system wherein, when a jam of copier occurs, a determination as to whether the copier requires a maintenance service is made on the side of the copier based on its troubled condition.

**Reference AQ of Form PTO-1449.**

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 8-331355 discloses a method of transmitting a maintenance service start message and a maintenance service end message from an image forming device to a central service station at a remote location when a maintenance service of the image forming device is initiated and terminated by a serviceman.

**Reference AR of Form PTO-1449.**

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 5-276260 discloses a facsimile management system in which a facsimile is linked to a central service station, and the central service station can write information to or read information from an internal memory of the facsimile which retains operating parameters of the facsimile.